

Delta Independent Science Board Report

Summary: Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) Chair-elect Dr. Tracy Collier will report on the Delta ISB's teleconference held on March 27.

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Dr. Collier will brief the Council on the Delta ISB's recent public teleconference held on March 27, 2013, which included the following action items:

- Discuss and finalize the report titled "DISB review of science programs that include habitat restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh" (Attachment 1). This report is the culmination of many months of meeting with agency (state and federal), NGO, stakeholder and consultant scientists to review Delta habitat restoration efforts and the degree to which climate change and adaptive management are incorporated into them.
- Discuss and finalize the comment letter titled "DISB Comment Letter – Bay-Delta Plan SED" (Attachment 2). The SED, prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board, analyzes a range of percentages of unimpaired flows and how these flows would impact salmon. Comments in the memo provide a brief summary of oral comments that were made to State Board staff at the Delta ISB's February 14-15 meeting.
- Discuss and finalize the comment letter titled "DISB Review of BDCP Chapter 7, administrative draft of December 12, 2012" (Attachment 3). This review was conducted at the request of the Chair of the Delta Stewardship Council, Phil Isenberg. The Board accepted public comments on this draft comment letter through February 25. The Board remains concerned about BDCP's proposal for a stand-alone monitoring and research program, a potential lack of independent science, and the need to integrate with the Delta Science Plan that is currently being prepared by the Delta Science Program.

Other items that were discussed included a review of the Delta ISB's workplan and planning for its next meeting.

List of Attachments

- Attachment 1: DISB Review of Science Programs that Include Habitat Restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh
- Attachment 2: DISB Comment Letter – Bay-Delta Plan SED
- Attachment 3: DISB Review of BDCP Chapter 7, Administrative Draft of December 12, 2012

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